

PROCLAMATION **AMERICA RECYCLES DAY** NOVEMBER 15, 2003

WHEREAS, waste reduction and recycling has increased in recent years, especially for cardboard, newsprint and other papers as well as for metal products, wood and yard waste; and

WHEREAS, each year, North Dakotans dispose about 4 pounds of solid waste per person per day; and

WHEREAS, to focus the nation's attention on the importance of recycling and purchasing recycled products, businesses, industries, government agencies, schools, nonprofit organizations, and individuals have joined together to celebrate America Recycles Day; and

WHEREAS, all citizens are encouraged to pledge to increase recycling efforts at home, work and school and to buy more recycled-content products starting on November 15; and

WHEREAS, participating in America Recycles Day is one way citizens can help raise awareness about the need to reduce waste by reusing, recycling, and buying recycled products; and

WHEREAS, the theme of America Recycles Day is "Make Every Day America Recycles Day;" and

WHEREAS, it is important to raise awareness of recycling programs, markets for recyclable materials, and the importance of buying recycled products; and

WHEREAS, the recycling industry employs hundreds of North Dakota residents, saves money and conserves landfill space; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 15, 2003, **AMERICA RECYCLES DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State